

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

No one likes technical information. Most people are very intimidated with programming their VCR.

The Echo star • DIRECTV merger would allow a flat rate for the entire nation. It also would open up BroadBand Internet access to rural areas. I have both Cable-One (Land based cable) and Dish-Network (Sat. based cable)

I hate having two bills but, one offers Broad-band the other offers TV cheaper than the other.

Both offer the same feature but, the Sat. option is cheaper for the TV portion. The broadband portion is offered on Sat but, it is too expensive because there are rules keeping them out of the markets where land based cable providers are getting FAT.

I hope this merger happens as it will create one bill for both products and good old competition&..

BTW> I do not vote and never will. Not because I can•t but, I have seen the voting system taken and twisted to the issues like the one I•m writing about. You should have to support someone who will only do the right thing when you are on their side. We aren•t at war and this isn•t democratic to me.

However, people can change their minds here.&

Sincerely,

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